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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs - jolted by every pebble in the road."

Presidents Message . . .

The time is again approaching for our annual convention. This year, the club at Fremont is sponsoring the event. Fremont has a solid reputation for organizing and producing excellent coin shows, and I know this convention will easily meet, and probably exceed all of our expectations. So much work goes into the organization of a state show. Many varied "loose ends" must be neatly tied together. The Fremont Coin Club is to be commended in advance.

Boyd Mattox has been putting in much "foot work" visiting dealers and signing them up for the show. No substitute exists for this personal touch given to dealers, and I'm sure it is greatly appreciated.

The officers and board have also been working on special awards for our upcoming convention, and I look forward to the fellowship this event promises.

Be sure to mark your calendar for May 4 and 5. The 41st Annual Nebraska Numismatic Association Convention will be held on the Fremont City Auditorium at 9th and Broad Street.

Hoping to see all of you at the convention,

Tom J. Hammond

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Nebraska Token Collectors Club

A group of 16 people met at San Anna's Restaurant, 748 E 23rd Street (Hwy 30) in Fremont, NE at 8:00 p.m. February 7, 1996 to form the *Nebraska Token Collectors Club* (NETCC). Bill Welsh, of Omaha, presided over the meeting. The objectives of the club are to learn more about Nebraska Trade Tokens and compile information to produce a reference book on Nebraska Trade Tokens. Other goals of the club are to have a newsletter and an Midwest Trade Token Show.

Bob Cruise, Steven Drake, Jim Ehlers, Bill Welsh, and Gary Young volunteered to be on a constitutional committee. In addition to defining the duties of the officers, the club wants to have an education director and a newsletter editor. Meeting places and dues (possibly $5) were discussed at the meeting.

Other activities were to raffle off a heart-shaped token from Tilden, Nebr. - Ray J. Becker; Good For 5 Cents In Trade. The raffle produce $8 for the club's treasury. Roger Bolz provided a listing of Nebraska American Legion Post Numbers. It was also noted that George Hosek has produced a new listing of Nebraska Town Trade Tokens.

The second meeting was scheduled to be held March 9, 1996, at 8:oo p.m. For more information on the club feel free to contact Bill Welsh, 15022 Corby St., Omaha, NE 68166. (402) 493-8430).

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Steven C. Drabe

NEW MEMBERS:

Jo Badura - Fremont
Don Hansen - Gretna
Quent Hansen - Omaha
Robert Wehrer - Pierce

Membership Notes . . .

The Newsletter is trying something new with this issue. If you have recently renewed or joined the organization, a membership card should be included with this mailing, attached to the inside front cover of the magazine. The purpose being to save postage and for convenience.

If you believe that you should be receiving one and didn't, then contact the Editor and let him know. If you have lost or mutilated yours it can be replaced by just asking for it.

On this same note, it would be really nice to have to send out several membership cards with each issue of *The Newsletter*. This can only happen if we actively go out and sign up new members. If everyone tries, our membership will grow and the hobby will be enhanced.

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Dues are $7.00 per year and the newsletter is published quarterly in August, November, February and May. An annual meeting is held at the Central States Numismatic Society Association Annual Show and Convention or it is announced. To become a member, send a check for $7.00 made out to ACE for a one year membership to: Jerry Binsfeld, P.O. Box 191, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158.

Reed Pieces Near Auction

BY KYLE MACMILLAN
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

A portion of the City of Omaha's Byron Reed coin and document collection could be sold this fall if the City Council approves the auction house that Mayor Daub recommended Wednesday.

A five-member committee of city officials under Daub's direction chose Christie's, a New York City auction house, and its wholly owned subsidiary, Spink America, to handle the $3.5 million sale.

Ken Bunger, assistant city attorney, estimated that about 2,000 of the 16,000 coins, medals, pieces of paper money, books and manuscripts in the Reed collection would be sold. He said that one-fourth to one-third of the $3.5 million probably would be raised through the sale of books and manuscripts and that the rest would come from the auction of coins and paper money.

Christie's and Spink did not recommend the sale of Reed's 1804 silver dollar, the most valuable object in the collection, said James Lamb, president of Spink America. Bunger said the city is not planning to sell the coin.

In addition, Lamb said the proposal does not recommend selling any of the 335 pattern coins. Some of these design prototypes were adopted and some were not. Most experts consider the patterns to be the most important part of the collection.

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How I Designed The 1992

By John

When I sat down to design the 1992 Olympic commemorative coin, I had a few simple criteria in mind:

➤ The best possible baseball image would be necessary.

Baseball was, for the first time, a medal sport in 1992. I love baseball; any one of the judges considering history *and* marketing would no doubt be looking for a baseball design, I thought.

➤ I wanted a widely-spaced LIBERTY, just slightly tighter than that on the Walking Liberty half dollar, and I wanted the image to fit into—rather than smother—the letters.

This spacing, for me, was important. Notice on the Walking Liberty half dollar how the distance between "T" and "Y" are equal to the distance between "Y" and the heel of Miss Liberty's foot. On my final design, notice how the "L" of LIBERTY is equal in distance from "I" as it is to the pitcher's rubber (just behind the foot).

➤ The date had to be prominent and straight across horizontally (the proper numismatic term eludes me here).

The date is unusual in that its type is larger than all the other type on the coin. Perhaps it is the largest date to ever appear on a U.S. coin.

➤ "In God We Trust" I decided should be broken after "We."

This decision was based on the fact that most every coin the U.S. made has the standard break after "God." I wanted these lette to be nice and slender.

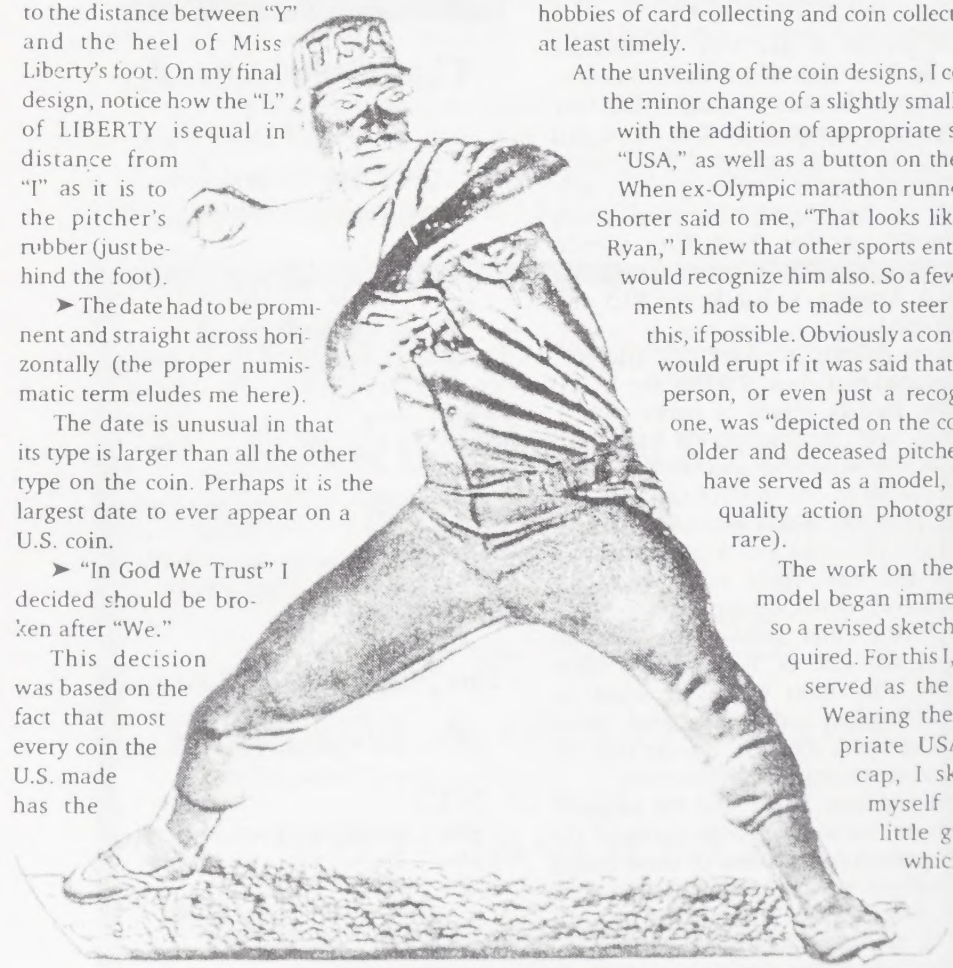
➤ The Olympic logo had to counter-balance t motto, so it goes on the opposite side of the mo

Now, concerning the final design:

Yes, Nolan Ryan was an inspiration for t design. I made alternative designs of a batter a other pitchers. There is another sketch based Ryan, as well as Whitey Ford and Catfish Hunt For me, it was not a question of who is on the co as it is what stage of the pitcher's delivery should depicted. As one can see from these sketches, well as other photos from any source, good pow pitchers look similar at the point of wind-up, wi which I was concerned. I guess in my ignorance assumed that anything tying together the tw hobbies of card collecting and coin collecting w at least timely.

At the unveiling of the coin designs, I could s the minor change of a slightly smaller log with the addition of appropriate serifs "USA," as well as a button on the jerse When ex-Olympic marathon runner Fra Shorter said to me, "That looks like Nol Ryan," I knew that other sports enthusias would recognize him also. So a few adju ments had to be made to steer clear this, if possible. Obviously a controver would erupt if it was said that a livi person, or even just a recognizab one, was "depicted on the coin" (N older and deceased pitcher cou have served as a model, becau quality action photography rare).

The work on the plast model began immediatel so a revised sketch was r quired. For this I, myse served as the mode Wearing the appr priate USA tea cap, I sketche myself with little grimac which show up



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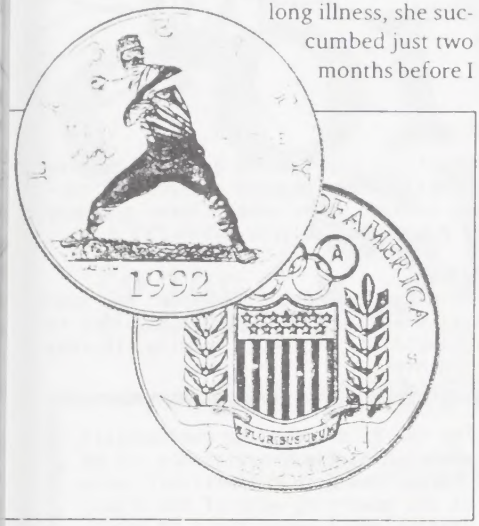
: finished coin (my mother would have been ry delighted to see her son's dimple on a silver dollar, but, after struggling with a long illness, she succumbed just two months before I



s informed that I had won the design contest). e finger sticking out of the glove was removed, was the "split-finger" fastball grip on the ball. The athlete now has a standard grip. A pitcher's rubber was also added just behind the right foot (some people at the Mint thought that he was a second-baseman or shortstop). And, finally, a large "USA" was added to the front of the jersey.

Chester Martin was great to work with on the plaster model. I assisted him on two separate occasions. He allowed me to sculpt the pitcher's rubber, much of the glove, the throwing hand, the wrinkles of the shoes—a real delight!

I hope I was able to shed some light on the matter of the Olympic baseball commemorative.

A life-long illustrator and designer, John R. Deecken produces illustrations and graphics for several national magazines and corporations. Dividing his time between computerized art and hands-on drawing, he utilizes the best of both worlds in his work. A resident of Fairfield, Connecticut, Mr. Deecken has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphics from the University of Connecticut.

—Ann Bailey, U.S. Mint

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Cherrypickers' News Debuts

Cherrypickers' News, a newsletter devoted to variety specialists made its debut in January 1996.

Cherrypickers' News has been developed by *The Cherrypickers' Guide* so-author J. T. Stanton. The newsletter will include feature articles on varieties, including doubled dies, repunched mintmarks, over mintmarks, repunched dated, blundered dies, and other significant discoveries. Lead articles will highlight new finds, including high quality photographs, and special information for the variety enthusiast.

Cherrypickers' News came about as a tool to keep variety enthusiasts timely informed, and will include up-to-date pricing information on selected varieties. Dealers buy/sell ads will be available, as well as a "want ad" section, for those collectors who may wish to buy, sell or trade varieties.

Subscriptions to *Cherrypickers' News* are $19.50 for six issues. Initial plans are to distribute the newsletter each odd numbered month, or more frequently as news develops. You may order your subscription by sending $19.50 to *Cherrypickers' News*, P.O. Box 15487, Savannah, GA 31416-2187. Please write for advertising rates and information.

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Two members of the Nebraska Numismatic Association have thrown their hats into the ring of the Central States Numismatic Society election. Roger Winklehake is running for Vice President and Robert Kutcher for the board of governors. Both men are from Lincoln. Kutcher is running for the first time and Winkelhake is stepping up from his position on the board as a governor.

If you are a member of the CSNS and haven't returned the ballot you received in the mail your support of these two candidates is needed. Help us stay represented on the CSNS board by voting for these Nebraskans. It is important to realize that even though it is possible to vote for several board of governors, doing so take votes away from our candidate. So, when you vote, vote only for Kutcher, and don't vote for the others listed. It would add vote totals to the others if you did. The Vice Presidential position that Winklehake is running for requires only one vote (him).

CALENDAR

APRIL 21 - Omaha Monthly Show, Ford Hall, Holiday Inn, I-80 & 72nd Street, Omaha

APRIL 25-28 - Central States Numismatic Society Annual Convention, Hall Convention Center, Kansas City, MO.

APRIL 27-28 - Oskaloosa Coin, Stamp, Comic Book & Sportscard Show, Penn Central Mall, 200 High Ave West, Oskaloosa, IA

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MAY 19 - Waterloo 34th Annual Show, Waterloo Recreation Center, West First & Commercial Street, Waterloo, IA

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JUNE 21-23 - Memphis Coin Club 20th International Paper Money Show, Cook Convention Center, Memphis, TN

JUNE 23 - Omaha Monthly Show, Ford Hall, Holiday Inn, I-80 & 72nd Street, Omaha

JUNE 28-30 - Mid-America Coin Convention, MECCA Convention Center, Milwaukee, WI

AUGUST 14-18 - ANA 105th Annual Show, Convention Center, Denver, CO

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GRAND ISLAND — Grand Island Coin Club, 1st Monday, Blue Flame Room, Gas Company

LINCOLN — Lincoln Coin Club, 2nd Thursday, ISCO Building, 531 Westgate Blvd., 7:30 p.m.

NORTH PLATTE — Platte Valley Coin Club, 3rd Tuesday, Community Room, Gas Company

OMAHA — Omaha Coin Club, 3rd Friday, New Cassel Retirement Center's Auditorium, 900 North 90th Street, 7:30 p.m.

OMAHA — SAC/Midwest Coin Club, 1st Tuesday, Denny's Restaurant, 515 North 98th Street, 7:00 p.m.

SCOTTSBLUFF — Oregon Trail Coin Club, 2nd Wednesday, Mc Donald's Offices, 511 West 27th, 7:30 p.m.

WAHOO—Wahoo Coin Club, 1st Saturday, Saunders County Historical Museum, 240 North Walnut, rear door, 8:00 p.m.

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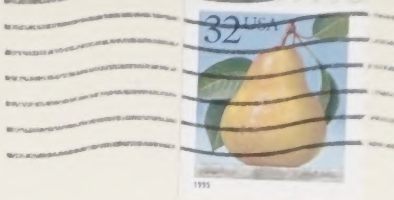

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